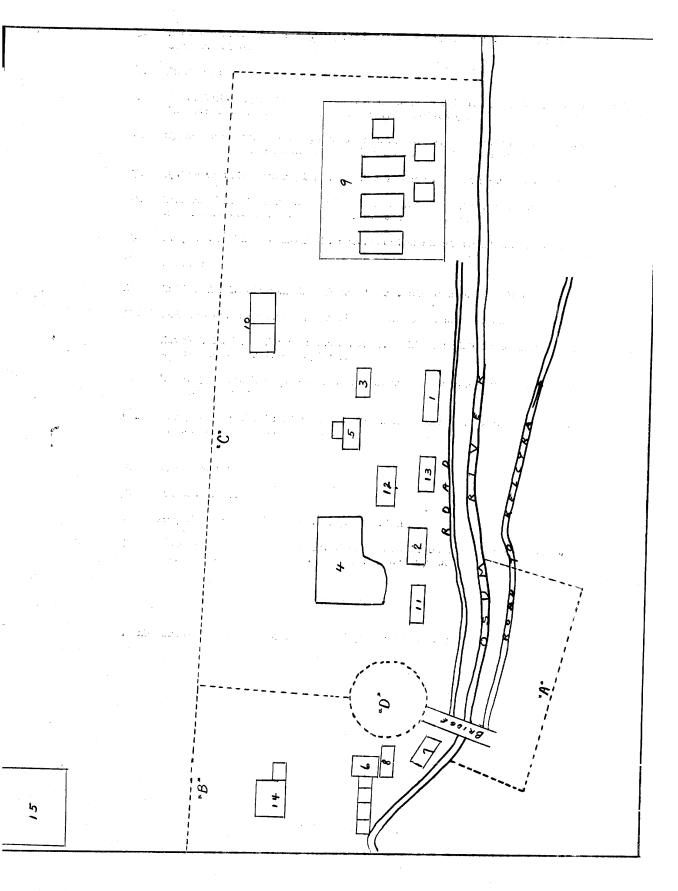
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	1.	had a population of about 13 thousand and is situated on both sides of Osun	l in 1943. The	town is locate	d in a valley
	2.	The Osum river is about two hundred meters wide on both edges of There is only one bridge across the meters in 1943, and is of concrete contist is not suited for commercial fishing the meters high, the river floods the (A) each spring.	the town. It river. It was astruction and Despite the	flows from east built by the It one lane wide. river banks. wh	to west. alians, The river ich are about
	3.	Most streets are very crooked and narabout one foot in diameter which are streets are equipped with electric labout 10 or 12 meters high.	tightly presse	ed into the grou	mad. All
	4.	Residences are almost all of white stare erected at the edge of the street stoves. In about 1940 the Italians all homes. More than 75% of the home equipped with radios. Heavy snows, meter deep, make it extremely diffic within the town during the winter most there is no railroad in the town. The with no minority groups. Salt is ob Public market day is Saturday.	ts. They are loconstructed a restart private, which sometimes alt for horse and the repulation:	heated with wood waterworks which ly owned and abo s get to be more and wagon transp re no buses in to is almost comple	burning supplies than one cortation he city and
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		 Prefecture building. Administra located in this building; two fl 	tive offices foors, stone co	or the Berat pronstruction.	efect are
	•	2. City hall. Two floors, stone co	nstruction.		
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	3. Post office. All outgoing mail must be taken here. Two floors, stone construction.
	4. Public market.
	 Court building. Two floors, stone construction. A small jail of one fl is attached to the north side of this building.
	6. Gymnasium. Two floors, stone construction. It has about one thousand s dents and is well equipped with at least 10 laboratories.
	7. Hydroelectric power plant. Power lines are above ground on wooden poles
	8. Waterworks. Water is obtained from the Osum River and is carried in pip under the floor of the Berat bridge to the town.
	9. Army barracks. accommodates about three thousand troops.
	10. Flour mill. 50X1
,	11. National Albanian Bank. Four floors, stone construction.
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	12. Police headquarters. Four floors, stone construction.
	13. Hotel Columbo. Four floors, stone. This is about the largest building town except for the hospital.
	14. Berat prefect hospital. Three floors, stone construction. There are on six physicians.
e e	15. Air port. This is situated about six kilometers northwest of the town. It was built by the Italians.
	A. Gorica quarter.
	B. Murat Celepia quarter.
	C. Mongalem quarter. Greatest population.
	D. Kala quarter. Least population. This is on a high mound on which is a very old castle now used as a residence by numerous families.
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	Enclosure (A): Freehand sketch showing location of principal buildings in Berat
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Freehand Sketch Showing Location of Principal Buildings in Berat

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